BENGALURU, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024 www.Bangaloremirror.com 12 Pages PRICE ₹3

Bangalore Mirror

TEMP Max 30 | Min 21 | Humidity 78% Generally cloudy sky with Light rain Sensex 80,065 | Nifty 24,399 | Gold 79,470 | Silver 1,01,000 | Dollar 84.08 | Euro 90.40 | GBP 108.72

Officials scramble to conduct survey to identify, halt illegal construction as yet another building slated for demolition and other on verge of collapse

AFTER A STORM, COMES THE QUALM

Atiya Firdos
mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The building collapse tragedy has put Bengaluru's growing number of unauthorised buildings back in the spotlight where it should be. Citizens are frequently raising concerns on various platforms, including social media. These violations have persisted despite multiple complaints being raised with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials.

The collapse of the illegal under-construction building that claimed eight lives has jolted the BBMP back to reality. BBMP officials have now ordered the demolition of a 6-storey building under construction at Nanjappa Garden in Horamavu. Cracks have appeared at the base

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 »

Cut class

Rain holiday declaration sparks debate as educationists feel repeated breaks in what is already seen as festive term do not bode well

CITY PAGE 2

ಓಪ್ಪೋ | oppo

Bengaluru's Grandest
OPPO Experience Center

Join us at the Launch
Saturday, 26th October, 12:00 noon onwards | Lulu Mall, Lower Ground

Buy OPPO smartphone and stand a chance to win ₹10 Lakhs, free photography workshop, quizzes, prizes & exclusive offers*

*T&C Apply

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Sufi melodies

Immerse yourself in the magic of music with an enchanting evening at Ishaara along with The Raagi Project for a night filled with soulful Sufi melodies that will transport you to a realm of tranquillity and inspiration. This event promises a captivating blend of melodies, ambiance, and gourmet delights, making it perfect for a cosy night out or a special occasion. **Where: Ishara, Phoenix Mall of Asia; When: October 26, 8 pm onwards**

02 Desperate moves

Watch Euripides' Medea, a Greek tragedy made famous by the unbelievable act of filicide. It is the story of a woman so fearful of her impending exile and statelessness that she chooses to destroy that which she loves—her children. Performed as a solo, this production of Medea tells the story of the despairing, the hopeless, the enraged, the survivor, and the great lengths one may go to find a place called home. **Where: Ranga Shankara; When: October 25, 7:30 pm**

03 Bharatanatyam tribute

Join in for an evening of divine music and dance as Acharya Dr Raksha and her disciples from Natanam Institute of Dance present 'Annamayya Sankeerthana Sudha,' a Bharatanatyam tribute to Pada Kavitha Pitamaha Sankeerthanacharya Annamayya. Revered as the father of Telugu devotional poetry, Annamayya was a 15th-century saint-composer whose works have left an indelible mark on South Indian classical music and literature.
Where: Nayana Auditorium, Kalasipalyam; When: October 26, 5 pm

School 'rain' holidays receive flak

Parents, educators allege extended holidays following Dasara break have disrupted educational activities; holidays were declared to ensure students safety, says district administration

Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @sridharvMirror

The district administration had declared a rain holiday on Monday and Wednesday

The recent rain holiday declaration by the Bengaluru Urban district administration as a precautionary measure has sparked a debate. A section of schools and parents in Bengaluru have expressed strong dissatisfaction with the district administration's decision to extend holidays following the Dasara break due to rain. They alleged that the announcement of additional holidays has disrupted educational activities and caused inconvenience for both students and parents.

"With 20 days already allocated for the Dasara holidays, the repeated holiday declarations by the district administration, including those for Diwali, have resulted in nearly an entire month without regular classes. This has raised concerns about the impact on students, particularly those preparing for SSLC and PUC exams, who are losing valuable instructional time," said Shashi Kumar D, the general secretary of Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) and convenor of Karnataka Private School Managements, Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff Co-ordination Committee (KPMTCC).

Furthermore, he stated that midday meals for students have also been affected, adding to the discontent. "Education experts have highlighted the negative consequences, warning that after Diwali, the lost time due to repeated holidays will likely result in a backlog of lessons and learning. The decision to declare holidays for the entire district due to rain has been deemed irresponsible by many in the education sector, who are calling for a more balanced approach," Kumar said.

> **"Many people in education sector are calling for more balanced approach**
> –Shashi Kumar, KPMTCC convenor

Kumar noted that in regions like Malnad and the coastal areas, where rain is a regular occurrence, activities continue despite the weather. The district administration's decision, especially after a holiday announcement was made on Monday morning after the rain had already stopped, has caused significant disruption to school schedules. The district administration declared a holiday for schools on Wednesday, citing a weather report from the previous day. However, no rain was observed on Tuesday or Wednesday, further fuelling frustration among parents, students, and educators.

Kumar said that many schools are equipped to function even during rain, and widespread holidays are seen as unnecessary in most cases. "Parents, who often need to go to work, have requested the government to consider issuing clear guidelines to the district administration and education department to ensure that student safety is prioritised without compromising education," he said.

However, sources in the Bengaluru Urban district administration said that the holidays were declared to ensure students are not put at risk. During earlier rainy days, it has been observed that many school students were put to hardship due to rains, and some were stranded inside buses that were stuck in underpasses.

Campaign urges everyone to wash food boxes before disposal

Iffath Fathima
iffath.fathima
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Around 35+ top restaurant chains in Bengaluru are carrying the #WashTheDabba messaging on their food parcels

To improve the lives of informal waste workers in Bengaluru, Saamuhika Shakti, a collective impact initiative is running a campaign called #WashTheDabba (@Invaluables.Benglauru), which encourages people to dispose of food containers with leftover food mindfully, as it creates a recycling challenge for waste pickers who collect and sort it. It also puts them in harm's way by exposing them to rotting food, bad odour, squalor, dirt, and filth.

Around 35 top restaurant chains in Bengaluru, like Nandhana Palace, Roti Ghar, Dindigul Thalappakatti, Thalassery Restaurant, Barbeque Nation, Priyadarshini Veg Restaurant, Hotel Adithya, Mallika Biryani, Anu Momo, and many more, have since agreed to carry the #WashtheDabba messaging on their parcel boxes.

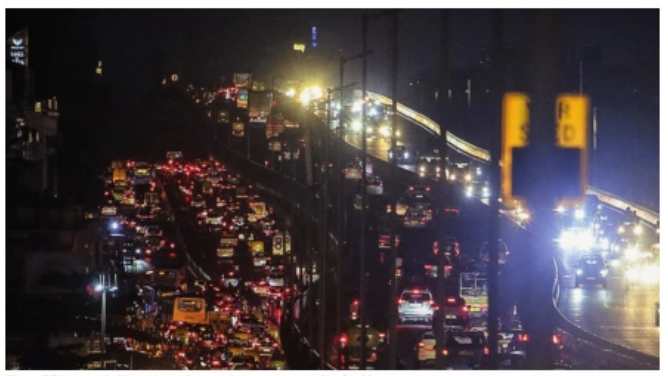
Mary, who was featured in the viral campaign reel and works as a waste sorter at one of the Dry Waste Collection Centres in Bengaluru, said, "Ever since the reel went viral, I've noticed a change in my wards—people are taking the time to wash their dabbas before disposing of them. When individuals recognise me from the reel and share their appreciation, it reinforces the idea that we're all part of this community effort. The simple act of washing the box not only helps us recycle more efficiently but also prevents maggots and gas buildups in rotting takeaway containers. I urge the people of Bengaluru to keep this momentum going."

Milan Monappa, the founder of Homeal, a Bengaluru-based home food delivery platform, said, "The #WashTheDabba reel from @invaluables.bengaluru was an eye-opener. I used to think a little leftover food wouldn't matter, assuming it would be cleaned later. But learning that uncleaned containers make recycling very difficult made me realise the impact of the waste we've generated over the years. We then collaborated with the #WashTheDabba campaign, and through this we hope to not only educate our customers but also inspire other delivery partners to take action. Together, we can make a real difference in how we dispose of food boxes and help protect the environment."

Deepak DN, from Hotel Aditya in Mahalakshmipuram, said, "We understand that many customers might not finish their food, and when leftover food is thrown away with the containers, it creates serious problems for waste pickers. That's why we've introduced #WashtheDabba stickers on our takeaway containers. It's a simple yet powerful reminder for our customers to clean their containers before disposal. I also encourage other restaurants to join this initiative."

Social media abuzz with jam pain plaints

Techies stranded at E-city flyover due to traffic block, some forced to walk home



Traffic gridlock after heavy rainfall

Sanjana CS
c-sanjana.s
@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMirror

On Wednesday, as the rain and floods wreaked havoc, thousands of tech workers protested on the platform X (formerly Twitter), expressing their discontent by wearing black clothing. With the Electronic City flyover congested for more than two hours, many stranded techies took to social media to voice their frustrations.

Traffic on the Electronic City flyover came to a halt, with vehicles backed up from Bommanahalli to Electronic City as a result of heavy rain. Waterlogging at key entry and exit points slowed traffic to a crawl, leaving commuters frustrated. The flyover, a major link to Bengaluru's IT hub, became a scene of chaos as rainwater inundated the roads. Motorists were advised to find alternate routes or wait it out.

"It took me three hours to cover 10 kilometres; it would have been four if I hadn't walked the last 5 km. Earlier it used to be once or twice a year, now it's almost after every rain," shared Aniket Nagori on X.

An X user, @amitsomani, posted, "All those who suffered today, let's wear #black tomorrow to mark our protest." Responses poured in stating, "Will it even have any impact? The city administration or politicians are hardly bothered."

Yet, some saw the humour in their plight. "We'll need to use black every day, then," stated Prashant Pansare, highlighting the hopelessness many feel over Bengaluru's traffic woes.

On Wednesday evening, the rain again hammered the city, and the Bengaluru Traffic Police shut down one side of the Electronic City flyover due to waterlogging at Roopena Agrahara. "Electronic City flyover only incoming to the city is closed due to waterlogging, outgoing is as usual," the police announced. The closure worsened the already dire situation, with commuters stranded on the Electronic City stretch for over two hours. Some techies, unable to wait any longer, left their company-provided cabs and opted to walk home instead.

The city's Outer Ring Road (ORR) also faced similar problems on Tuesday when heavy rains led to severe waterlogging, particularly in key tech corridors. The traffic police had no choice but to close the gates of major tech parks, further stranding workers who were attempting to leave after their shifts.

On Tuesday an advisory was issued by Traffic officials stating, "All road users are requested to avoid the ORR between Iblur and Marathalli and use alternative roads. This stretch is completely congested due to water logging of service roads."

For many tech workers at Ecospace and Eco World, this meant an unexpected delay in getting home.

One user, @pratikfarmhouse, vented his frustration: "Completely jammed for the past 1.5 hours on the #ElectronicCity flyover. I should've been home by now," Others echoed his sentiments, sharing images of crowds of frustrated workers abandoning their cars and choosing to walk home.

One user pointed out, "Four lanes on the flyover, six lanes on the ground level highway, and two lanes on either side of the service road. Total of 14 lanes, and yet a traffic jam. The onus is now on the public to use public transport. Hopefully, the new metro lines will fix this issue."

"This has been going on for the past 15 to 20 years. Yet, no solution," lamented another X user.

The Karnataka government had advised private companies to allow employees to work from home on October 23, fearing more traffic snarls.

IN CITY

Traffic diversions for BWSSB work

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) announced emergency road work that will be carried out from the night of Friday to the morning of October 28. The affected stretch spans from Sai Baba Layout Cross to Doddamara Junction on Rayasandra Road, falling under the jurisdiction of the Electronic City Traffic Police Station.

During this period, heavy vehicles will not be allowed to use this route. To manage traffic, diversions have been arranged for commuters. Those travelling from Hosa Road Junction towards Rayasandra-Choodasandra are advised to take the alternative route via Chennakesava Nagar 1st Cross, Ramareddy Circle, Birla Junction, and Silver County Road. Traffic officials have urged the public to cooperate.

Restrictions today & tomorrow

Bengaluru is set to witness major traffic disruptions on Friday, Saturday due to public events, prompting the Bengaluru Traffic Police to issue traffic diversions and parking restrictions. On Friday, from 4:15 pm to 9:00 pm, parking of all vehicles will be prohibited on key roads, including HAL Airport Road, Cubbon Road, MG Road, Raj Bhavan Road, and Ambedkar Veedhi. Commuters are advised to use alternative routes.

On Saturday, traffic restrictions will be in place from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Rajbhavan Road, Cubbon Road, Bellary Road, MG Road, Infantry Road, and HAL Airport Road. Motorists not attending the event are advised to use alternative routes.

That's great news for the Kannada community!

RV Tours and Travels, a well-established travel company from the Telugu states, is expanding its services to cater to the Kannada people. With a proven track record of satisfying lakhs of customers through domestic and international tour packages, they are now offering exclusive discount packages for Kannada people.

This move will provide Kannada travellers with more options and opportunities to explore new destinations at affordable prices.

DOMESTIC PACKAGES

Destination	No.of Days	Package Cost
Kashi-Ayodhya	3N/4D	₹19,999/-
Gujarat State Tour	7N/8D	₹32.999/-
Simla-Manali	7N/8D	₹31,999/-
Kashmir-Srinagar	10N/11D	₹48,000/-
Mukthinath Tour	12N/13D	₹72,500/-
Chardham Yatra	11N/12D	₹57,500/-
Rajasthan Tour	10N/11D	₹49,000/-
Tamilnadu Tour	7N/8D	₹46,500/-

INTERNATIONAL PACKAGES

Destination	No.of Days	Package Cost
Bangkok-Pattaya	4N/5D	₹32,999/-
Singapore, Malaysia Tour	5N/6D	₹1,06,000/-
Europe Tour (excl. London)	13N/14D	₹3,20,000/-
Australia-New Zealand Tour	15N/16D	₹5,30,000/-
London with Europe	17N/18D	₹3,95,500/-
Sri Lanka Tour	5N/6D	₹57,000/-
Cambodia-Vietnam Tour	10N/11D	₹1,75,000/-
Dubai Tour	4N/5D	₹97,500/-

*T&C apply.

Note: All the above packages are applicable for single person and for limited period only.

R.V. TOURS AND TRAVELS PVT. LTD.
No. 313, Varsha Arcade, Next to Sub-Registrar Office, Ganga Nagar, Bellary Road, Bengaluru - 32.
/rvtoursandtravelspvtltd

Call: 91211 43964, 91211 43958, 91773 33673, 91542 25669

Kannada classes on the go

'Learn Kannada with Auto Kannadiga' initiative places placards in Bengaluru autos to teach non-Kannadiga speakers common phrases and includes QR codes for pronunciation

Rachana Ramesh
c-rachana.ramesh
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

To restore the reputation of auto drivers and assist non-Kannada speakers in learning a few conversational phrases, Ajmal Sultan, known as 'Auto Kannadiga,' has started placing placards inside autos that navigate the city's busy routes daily.

The placard titled 'Learn Kannada with Auto Kannadiga' consists of translations of Kannada sentences into English, helping non-Kannadigas to familiarise themselves with the language. It has two columns, one translates conversations that are likely to be held within the auto such as 'swalpa bega hogi' (ride a little faster), while the other translates conversations that are likely to be held outside the auto like 'booking cancel madbedi' (don't cancel the booking). Ajmal has taken a step forward and has added a QR code which when scanned directs one to videos that instruct on correct pronunciation.

In conversation with Bangalore Mirror, the 31-year-old Instagram content creator, who has garnered his 129k followers by posting his commute videos, shared his motive behind the initiative. "In the past few months, we have only seen the negative behaviours of auto drivers being pushed on mainstream media. Something desperately needed to be done to showcase our positive aspects too and what better way to do so than bridging the gap between our languages," he said.

Ajmal Sultan began putting placards inside autos for commuters

Ajmal has been working with the samples of the placard for the past month. "Commuters in Bengaluru are often forced to wait through long durations of stagnant traffic. I asked my non-local passengers if they would be willing to learn conversational Kannada phrases instead of wading their time away. When they showed enthusiasm, I began to help them with the placard. This was much appreciated, leading to the initiative being expanded," he explained. He provided an example of a passenger travelling between Indira Nagar and HSR layout learning how to say 'nannu Kannada kalthaedini' in his 20-minute ride. Over 500 placards have been put up in autos across the city so far, with Ajmal aiming to reach every auto in the nooks and crevices of the city. "Most IT folks have work pressure and their problems. Instead of trying to push them to learn our language, I thought we must take a step forward to make it easier for them," he said.

> **"I asked my non-local passengers if they would be willing to learn conversational Kannada, they showed enthusiasm** – Ajmal Sultan

Speaking about the social media comments that questioned the usage of the word 'sir' for addressing the auto driver in the placard, Ajmal said, "The intent did not come from a space of entitlement but rather was used for the ease of our non-local passengers. I could have used the word 'anna' instead but it is often mispronounced by non-Kannadigas. They pronounce it in a fashion which equates to 'rice' in Kannada. In the Kannada movie 'Kotigobba', the actors Vishnuvardhan, the auto driver and Ravichandran, who portrays a passenger address each other as 'sir' and share mutual respect. This is embedded in our culture, to respect every individual despite their livelihood."

Fondly known as Azzu, Ajmal began his Instagram journey in August last year, initially posting merely for entertainment purposes after learning how to edit videos. Now, he also shares content regarding social issues, hoping his audience takes them in good spirits. A native of Ilkal in Bagalkot district, he has been working as an autorickshaw driver in Bengaluru since 2012.

whatsapp MIRROR
9591233247
Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Cable danger
Lottegollahalli

At Lottegollahalli, part of the HT (High tension) cable, meant to be underground, is exposed due to poor work. Heavy traffic raises the risk of the live wire becoming exposed, creating a safety hazard.

Broken path
Brunton Cross Road

The footpath at Brunton Cross Road is damaged and poorly maintained.

When in K'taka, display signs in Kannada: HC

The Karnataka High Court expressed reluctance to allow a petition filed by the Retailers Association of India, challenging the State's directive that requires businesses and establishments to display 60% of their signboard names in the Kannada language. The circular was issued on February 26, following amendments to the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Act 2022. During the hearing, Justice Hemant Chandangoudar orally remarked, "When you are in Karnataka, you should display the signboards in Kannada language." The judge also mentioned the activities of the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, a local organisation in the State.

In March, Justice M Nagarprasanna initially heard the matter and directed the State not to proceed with the implementation of the circular. The bench observed on March 18, "If 60% of the boards are not in Kannada, those business establishments or undertakings would be sealed down. This prima facie is untenable." On Thursday, Justice Chandangoudar heard the matter. The association's counsel requested an early hearing on Monday, citing concerns about the Karnataka Rajyotsava movement on November 1. The court declined the request and extended the interim order of March 18 and adjourned the hearing by two weeks.

The Retailers Association of India approached the HC, challenging the constitutionality of Sections 17, 6, 23, and 27 of the Karnataka Language Comprehensive Development (Amendment) Act 2024. The association argues that these sections violate the fundamental rights of the Trademarks Act.

FIR quashing plea filed

Gopal Joshi, brother of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, and his son Ajay Joshi, who were arrested in a cheating case, have approached the Karnataka High Court seeking to quash the FIR registered against them. Senior Advocate D R Ravishankar, representing the petitioners, argued that the issue is purely a financial transaction and that no case is made out for the offence charged. **— BMB**

IN BRIEF

Rag-picker drowns in storm water drain

An 18-year-old rag picker identified as Izrul Sheikh is said to have drowned in a stormwater drain near Varthur Lake in Whitefield on Thursday. Originally from West Bengal, Izrul had been living with his family in a labourers' colony. The incident occurred around 10 am while he was collecting waste near a drain behind a construction site when he accidentally slipped into the water. Despite the efforts of passers-by who rushed to help, the strong water current hindered the rescue attempt. Whitefield police, along with fire and emergency service personnel, arrived at the scene and launched a search operation, but after several hours, there was no sign of the victim. The operation was called off for the day and is expected to resume on Friday. A case has been registered, and further investigations are underway. **— BMB**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
e-Tender Notice No. SG-SWR-PROJ-SBC-Kavach Dated : 16.10.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Auction for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx.Value
"Survey ,design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of stationery KAVACH equipment and other associated works over 778 RKM of Bengaluru and Mysuru Divisions of South Western Railway".	Rs. 191,82,23,167.80/-

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 15.00 hrs on 15.11.2024**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/ (Project)/Hubballi
PUB/517/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. SG-SWR-PROJ-UBL-Kavach Dated : 16-10-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Survey, Design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of stationary KAVACH equipment and other associated works over 790 RKM of Hubballi & Mysuru Divisions of South Western Railway.	Rs. 188,09,29,943.85

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 15-11-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date
Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer Project, Hubballi
PUB/514/AAF/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

Central Power Research Institute
(A Govt. of India Society, Ministry of Power)
Post Box No.8066, Prof. Sir. C.V.Raman Road
Sadashivanagar Post Office,
Bangalore - 560080

ADVERTISEMENT No. CPRI/07/2024

CPRI invites applications for filling up of the following anticipated post in CPRI, Head Office at Bengaluru on **Short term contract / Direct Recruitment** basis.

No. of post	Name of the post	Pay Level in the Pay Matrix
Chief Accounts Officer (Ordinary Grade)	1	Level - 12 of the 7th CPC (Rs. 78,800 - 2,09,200)

Interested candidates may visit the CPRI website **https://cpri.res.in/** Career page for further details regarding application format, general conditions and eligibility criteria etc.
CBC 34104/12/0005/2425 **Chief Administrative Officer**

Keep off the glass: Use cotton thread for kites

As govt issues notification banning Chinese manja, rescuers ask for stricter action against manufacturers, users

Y Maheswara Reddy & Garima Prasher
mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Thread should be free of sharp, metallic, and glass components

The Karnataka government has once again issued a notification banning Chinese manja or any other non-cotton thread used for kite flying, effective immediately.

The notification issued on Thursday by the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department in the name of the Governor of Karnataka states that kite flying in the state will be permissible only when done using cotton thread. The thread should be free of any sharp, metallic, or glass components, adhesive, or any other strengthening material.

"No person including shopkeepers, vendors, wholesalers, retailers, traders, hawkers or sales persons, shall manufacture, procure, stock, sell and use Chinese manja, made up of nylon or other non-biodegradable synthetic items coated with glass or other harmful substance used for flying kites in Karnataka," the notification issued by Shanthalaxmi U, under Secretary of Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department read.

Various city-based bird and animal rescue centres have been highlighting the perils of using glass-coated strings for flying kites. With the help of campaigns, these centres have been promoting the use of traditional cotton strings instead of glass-coated manjas.

According to Dr (Colonel) Nawaz Shariff, chief veterinarian, of People For Animals (PFA) Wildlife Hospital, "While the notice from the Governor's office is a welcomed step, implementation on the ground is crucial." Shariff said that around 700 birds get injured every year due to the usage of nylon thread for flying kites.

"Manufacturers of Chinese manja should be caught, banned items should be seized and a bonfire of these items should be made in public to send a strong message. This order should be sent to all factories that make glass-coated manjas. Frequent on-ground checks by forest department officials and police personnel might make a difference. As far as Bengaluru is concerned, Russell Market is the biggest one-stop shop for banned manjas. If these harmful threads are stopped from entering Russell Market, it is more than half battle won," said Shariff.

Rescue centres also suggest that the government should come up with a standardised protocol for reporting the manufacture and sale of manja.

"As established protocol will encourage the public to report sales of the illegal manja," said a city-based rescuer. "I welcome the ban on using nylon thread for kite flying. Last year, we rescued 18 birds injured due to nylon thread used for kite flying and most of the injured birds were kites and eagles," said Rashmi Mavinkurve, a wildlife activist.

Arun Prasad, an animal activist, has said that the Animal Welfare Board of India wrote a letter on April 24, 2024, to the Chief Secretaries of all States to issue necessary amendments in the notification issued under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, for prohibition of all harmful sharp threads or Manjha used for kite flying activities. "Based on the letter from the Animal Welfare Board of India, all State Forest Departments issued notifications to allow only cotton threads for flying kites," said Prasad.

This is the second notification by the state government over the past few years. A similar notification imposing an immediate ban on Chinese manja was issued in 2016. The notification states that it causes grievous injuries to birds, animals, and human beings.

According to wildlife rescuers, thousands of birds such as black kites, crows, koels, barn owls, and mammals like bats have been injured after getting entangled in these illegal threads. Flight feather damage, bone fractures, and head injuries due to falls and damage to the neck and legs are the most common injuries sustained by these animals.

BM Food & Night Life

Advertorial Promotional Feature

FLAVOURS OF LIGHT

Traditional bites of Deepavali

Festivals in India are all about feasting and Diwali is no different. Special treats are made in every household with regional favourites taking precedence. Here we list some of the traditional Diwali dishes that are served in homes across India.

Sugar toys: These toys are made around a fortnight before Diwali. Water, sugar and food colouring is heated and the solution is poured into moulds to make these into figurines of horses, temples, peacocks and more. The simpler version of this is the drop-shaped batashe.

Mawa kachori: These beautiful, deep fried, sweet kachoris are a staple in Rajasthan and certain parts of North India during Diwali. Filled with a mixture of khoya and dry fruits in a crisp pastry shell, these sweet delights are dipped in sugar syrup before serving.

Sel roti: Sel rotis are the Nepali version of deep-fried doughnuts. Served during Tihar, as Diwali is called in those parts, this ceremonial ring-shaped bread is made of ground rice flour and can be either savoury or sweet.

Choddo shaak: On Naraka Chaturdashi or Bhoot Chaturdashi, Bengalis feast on a special preparation called Choddo Shaak that is made of 14 kinds of leafy greens. This mouth-watering and healthy dish is served with steamed rice.

Teepi gavvalu: This Andhra festive snack translates to "sweet shells." A dough made with maida, jaggery and water is shaped into small shells and deep fried.

Anarsa: Made with rice flour and jaggery, these fried snacks are sprinkled with poppy seed. The rice is soaked in water for three days to cause mild fermentation. The rice is then dried, ground and mixed with castor sugar. This dough is rolled out into flat discs and fried golden.

Khaja: Bihar is famous for this sweet made of many layers of flaky pastry. The snack that is made by combining flour, sugar, ghee, cardamom and aniseed into a dough, is fried to a crisp, and is somewhat similar to the Turkish Baklava.

–Femina

Venkatappa Art Gallery renovation to wrap up soon

Gallery to reopen its doors by year end or early next year; renovated arena to have total of 5 exhibition galleries, permanent gallery, dedicated artists' room, & enhanced aesthetics

Sridhar.Vivan
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @sridharvMIRROR

The restoration and renovation of the state's only government-run art gallery, Venkatappa Art Gallery, was expected to be completed by October. However, due to some pending tasks, the inauguration has been delayed and the gallery is now set to open its doors to artists by the end of this year or early next year post renovation. Moreover, sources said that as part of the renovation, two new mini-galleries are being added to the existing three exhibition galleries, bringing the total to five.

Previously, there were concerns that the gallery might fall into private hands, but thanks to the efforts of artists, it shall stay under government control. The renovation of the troubled gallery is now being taken under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The renovation work began in February 2024. Initially, the renovation was estimated to cost Rs 5 crore, but the revised amount has now exceeded Rs 8 crore.

Once the renovation is complete, the Brigade Foundation will hand over the building to the Department of Archaeology, Museums, and Heritage for management.

> **After renovation, the building will be handed over to archaeology department, & we will manage it**
>
> – A Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage

A Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, said, "After the renovation, the building will be handed over to the archaeology department, and we will manage it. The decision on further arrangements will be made based on the available facilities in the galleries."

File photo of Venkatappa Art Gallery

Specs of revamped gallery

Under the restoration plan, the roof and walls have been strengthened, and a permanent gallery is being introduced to showcase the works of renowned artists. of renowned artists like Venkatappa, KK Hebbar, and Rajaram. The gallery's front will feature an attractive pond and landscaped area. Additionally, a dedicated room has been created for artists to securely store their works during exhibitions.

The offices that were previously located on the ground floor have now been moved to the upper floor, allowing for more space and better organisation. The conference hall has undergone refurbishment to modernise the facility. The gallery's aesthetics have also been enhanced with the addition of landscaping and a pond at the entrance, creating a more inviting atmosphere for visitors.

Rich history & new opportunities

The Venkatappa Art Gallery, located on 3.11 acres of land in Cubbon Park, was initially founded by then-Chief Minister S Nijalingappa in 1967. The gallery was officially opened in 1975. The building, designed with plans for a five-story structure, currently has only three stories. Karnataka has over 70 art schools, with thousands of students graduating each year in various art disciplines. The gallery remains the state's only government gallery for these artists to showcase their work. Now, with the addition of mini galleries, more artists will have the opportunity to exhibit their creations.

Anandapuram Govt school gets mural makeover

Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Students of Government Lower Primary School at Anandapuram near TC Palya were in for a pleasant surprise when they returned to school after Dasara vacation as they saw their newly beautified school with a fresh coat of paint and images of great personalities and maps of state and country, etc painted on their school building walls.

"I am very happy to see my school get a makeover. It is not that our school building was in bad shape, but the new drawings and paintings would help us a lot," said Shivani M, a Grade 5 student. Gowramma N, from class 5, said the maps of Karnataka and India drawn by the volunteers are not only attractive but also educative. "The drawings on the walls motivate us. I want to thank the volunteers who are responsible for the makeover of our school," she added.

Volunteers gathered at the Govt Lower Primary School, Anandapura

SR Nagesh, Headmaster of the Government Lower Primary School, expressed his gratitude towards the volunteers who painted the pictures of great personalities and maps of Karnataka State and the country on the school building. "The makeover was done during Dasara vacation. Children were very happy to see the school building painted when they came back to school. There is no shortage of drinking water and other amenities," said the headmaster.

Praveen Shukla, who spearheaded the makeover programme, said this beautification was a part of the Makeover of Sarkari School initiative. "The makeover of the school building was initiated by Being Social—Ek Nayi Shuruaat, a non-government organisation that aims to revitalise government schools. Volunteers dedicate time and skills to paint school walls with vibrant themes celebrating heritage, culture, nature, and science. This endeavour aims to foster equal opportunities and a joyful environment for every child's growth," he said, adding that around 1,000 government schools across Karnataka, including 25 government schools in Bengaluru, have been beautified till date.

Amrutha Sharma, one of the volunteers, said, "I participated in two school makeover programs—one at Siddapura and another one at Anandapura. I have been working as a volunteer for quite some time. I consider the makeover of government school buildings as a noble cause."

Foundation laid bare

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

due to continuous rains, and a notice for demolition was issued three days ago.

"The owner of the building has issued us a letter confirming that he would handle the demolition at his own expense and a total of seven families are asked to vacate in the surrounding area to avoid any harm," said a BBMP official.

In another case, a two-storeyed building is teetering at the edge of collapse, due to heavy rains in the city, in Kamala Nagar, Mahalakshmi Layout. Congress leader M Shivaraju visited the site, and the residents were evacuated. BBMP was also immediately informed about this situation.

According to BBMP officials, most illegal constructions are carried out by property owners. "Property owners often engage in unauthorised construction, adding extra floors or deviating from approved plans without obtaining the necessary permissions," they said.

BBMP is tasked with taking action under Section 252 of the BBMP Act 2020 and Section 321 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (KMC) Act, 1976, to demolish illegal constructions and recover the costs. Despite this legal framework, many illegal structures persist due to poor enforcement.

Law enforcement

In Bengaluru, illegal constructions have not only been a civic issue but also a matter involving law enforcement. The BBMP, alongside the city police, has taken action in several cases where violations have escalated beyond civil penalties.

If properties are built in violation of BBMP bylaws, like encroachments or exceeding height limits, they may trigger police complaints if the violations obstruct public utilities, create safety concerns, or are linked to organised activity. "When building regulations are violated, police involvement usually comes into play under criminal sections for obstruction, negligence, and unauthorised construction, especially when these violations lead to safety hazards," said a police official.

In some instances, residents of the area have reported being threatened by builders when they tried to stop illegal constructions. Police have been called in when the situation worsened, especially when residents felt intimidated or when large construction projects created environmental and safety problems, such as blocking stormwater drains or encroaching on public land.

Additionally, if illegal constructions are linked to other criminal activities, such as land grabbing or corruption, the police conduct more comprehensive investigations.

City-wide survey

The BBMP will conduct a city-wide survey to identify and halt illegal and unauthorised constructions. This directive follows the visit of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister to the site of the recent building collapse, where they ordered the BBMP to carry out the survey and take action against those buildings without proper licences. "A team will be formed to conduct the survey as soon as we receive orders from higher authorities, and the work will begin promptly," said a BBMP official.

3-acre mark favours forest land-grabbers, says activist

State govt urged to refrain from making forest encroachers immune to punishment

Garima Prasher
garima.prasher
@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

A Bengaluru-based activist has approached the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), requesting the Ministry to issue directions to the Government of Karnataka to refrain from making statements exempting forest land encroachments below three acres.

The written appeal underlines statements given by political leaders, including Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre, to the media and in open forums, about Karnataka's decision to immune encroachers of forest land below three acres from eviction.

"The order issued by the Government of Karnataka in 2015 directing forest department officials not to evict such encroachers is illegal and contempt of court. In my letter, I have requested the Ministry to issue necessary directions to the state government to refrain from making such statements and withdraw the order issued in 2015," said Ramprasad, Bengaluru based activist.

In 2015, the Karnataka government issued an order that asked the forest department to submit a revised list of encroachers with a maximum of three acres for regularisation. Karnataka environment minister, in an order given to forest department officials a couple of months ago, reiterated the exemption.

To prevent illegal encroachment of forest area, the foreset department has erected metal fencing near Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru (File photo)

Environmentalists and conservationists point to a circular issued by MoEF&CC in 2002, that the document notes that all forest land encroachments, which are not eligible for regularisation, should be evicted in a time-bound manner.

"In its 2002 circular, MoEF&CC had cited a Supreme Court order of 2001. The order restrained the Central Government from regularisation of encroachments in the country. This exemption has led to many scams. To please local politicians and favour encroachers, officials are splitting encroached forest areas to avail of this exemption. The state government should roll back the order and evict every encroachment irrespective of the size of the forest land," said a city-based conservationist.

Majority of encroachments in Western Ghat less than 3 acres: KFD

On August 2, Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre instructed the Deputy Chief Secretary of the state environment ministry to clear all forest encroachments in the Western Ghats of Karnataka. As per the order, any form of encroachment of forests in all Western Ghat districts - Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Mysore, Chamarajanagara, Belgaum, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Kodagu, and Hassan - was supposed to be cleared. This would include barangays, plantations, homestays, and resorts.

A task force led by the principal chief conservator of forests and the head of the forest force was formed to clear encroachments.

"We have started the process of identifying encroachments and sending notices to encroachers. However, almost 60% of the encroachments in the Western Ghat region are under three acres. This is a difficulty we are facing," said a source from KFD.

Gok order akin to incentivising encroachers: CAG

The 2017 report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India highlighted the Karnataka Government's order and stated that the order is tantamount to incentivising encroachers.

This is after the state government in an order dated September 21, 2015, issued instructions to the forest department to prepare and submit a division and circle-wise proposal to GoI through DCF, CCF, and PCCF to relocate and rehabilitate the encroachers.

CAG noted that out of the total encroachments of 9,524 acres recorded in the sampled Protected Areas in the state, 3,845 families were found involved in encroachment of 5,847 acres of forest land and were categorised as 'below three acres' by considering only the encroached forest land and not the land owned by them.

"Classifying encroachers as "below three acres", without conducting a joint survey with the Revenue Department, could lead to undue benefit to the encroachers. The instructions issued by GoK in September 2015, to not clear encroachments below three acres, were contrary to the instructions issued by the GoI. The act of not evicting the persons who encroached forest lands after 1978 and rehabilitating "below three acres" encroachers is tantamount to incentivising them," noted CAG.

Panel to document state's forests

The state government has decided to form a committee for comprehensive documentation of notified and deemed forests in Karnataka. The decision was taken at a meeting of Karnataka Forest and Revenue ministers on Thursday. The committee will be constituted within 15 days from now.

Rule 16 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, provides for the constitution of an expert committee to create a comprehensive record of forest areas, examine and rectify shortcomings, and submit a consolidated report within six months.

The Supreme Court in 1996 had directed the state to constitute an expert committee to identify forests and submit a factual report in an affidavit. Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda informed that instructions have already been issued to the Revenue Department and survey work is in progress in 20 districts. "If both departments conduct a joint survey in a couple of districts, they will find out about the problems and confusions. This will help in the submission of the report of the new expert committee," he said. A list of all notified and deemed forests will help in the verification process," said Gowda.

Child drowns in rain-filled pit

A five-year-old boy drowned in a five-feet-deep pit which was dug up for the lift construction and left uncovered in an under-construction building for the upcoming milk dairy in Kannamangala in Kadugodi on Wednesday.

The victim, identified as Suhas Gowda was playing with his friends, when he slipped. Other boys playing with him, rushed to inform their parents and residents pulled him out and took him to the nearby hospital where the doctors declared him brought dead

The parents have filed a complaint against the director of the milk dairy and owner of the building.

2 injured in cylinder blast

Two youths sustained burning injuries in an explosion which was caused while refilling an LPG cylinder at a shop in Electronic City on Wednesday.

The injured have been identified as Syed Reyan (20) and Syed Ayan (25). According to the police, Anwar, the owner of the shop who is currently on the run, had rented the shop for a few days to run an illegal refilling unit and had employed the victims who are his relatives.

The duo, not aware of the work they were doing, tried to refill a cylinder using the PIN which led to the explosion. The police have registered a suo-motu case against Anwar.

Case against rehab centre

The Bellandur police registered a case against a rehab centre in Haralur after the wife filed the complaint following the death of her 40-year-old husband under mysterious circumstances on Tuesday.

The deceased who is identified as Shankrappa was admitted to 'New Hope Rehab Centre' after his alcohol addiction.

The family was told by staff that he collapsed while having his breakfast and died but the family alleged that they noticed his private parts were swollen and accused the staff of torture and assault led to death.

3rd in series of attacks: Man lies in wait to assault bus conductor

A bus conductor was attacked near the Tin Factory bus stop last week, in the latest of such assault incidents, sparking concerns about the safety of transport workers in the city.

BMTC conductor Sangappa was attacked while having lunch inside the bus, parked near the Tin Factory. The accused, who had previously quarreled with Sangappa over a bus pass, struck the conductor with a large stone. CCTV footage from the bus captured the moment when the accused approached the unsuspecting conductor and hurled the stone at his head before fleeing the scene. Passersby and other BMTC staff quickly apprehended the attacker.

The accused later admitted during questioning that the assault was not premeditated but rather an impulsive act of rage. "I saw him, and I couldn't control myself," the accused said in a video recorded during his interrogation. The conductor was left with a severe head injury, and a medico-legal case had been filed.

This altercation originated three days earlier when the accused punched Sangappa in the stomach following a dispute over showing his bus pass. It appears that he had been lying in wait, harbouring a grudge, which culminated in the violent attack on Friday.

This is the third such attack in two months

Another conductor, Yogesh, narrowly survived an attack at the ITPL bus stop near Whitefield on October 2. The assailant, 25-year-old Harsh Sinha from Jharkhand, had been fired from his job at a BPO just 20 days prior. Carrying a knife and hammer in his backpack, Sinha stabbed Yogesh two to three times during a heated confrontation. The first incident occurred on September 8, when a passenger attempted to stab the conductor with a screwdriver. **–Sanjana CS**

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

ACADEMIC

TEACHER

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF LAW
18, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.
Mobile: 94815 45478
Tel.: 080-2222 3352
Website: www.sjcl.edu.in
WANTED
Full Time Teaching Faculty in Law
NET/KSET, Ph.D Experienced Candidates Preferred
Apply Online @ career.sjcl.edu.in before 03-11-2024

ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTANT

REQD LADY ACCOUNTANT FOR OFFICE WORK AT VIJAYANAGAR And CIVIL ENGINEER FOR SITE WORKS @ BENGALURU: 9538313884

MARKETING, ADVERTISING & SALES

Tele Caller

REQUIRED SUPERVISOR, Field executives & Telecaller For Banking Loan Collections Salary + Incentive:- Contact :- 7019700755, 7899040499

OTHER VACANCIES

PART TIME JOBS

LOOKING Managing Partners Housewife/ Retired/ VRS Good Income with zero Investment Age: 40-70 Ct: 9902346616/ 8660414532 Location: Jayanagar

RETIRED PERSONS

CAREER Offer, Retd Govt/ Banker, HNI's NRI'S, Teachers & Housewives Big Income, Foreign trips & PF ESI Benefits WFH Ct: 7760966399/ 8431658034

SERVICES

HOTEL INDUSTRY

HILL-VIEW-RESORTS B'lore Mysore Road wanted experienced 1.CHEF (North Indian, south Indian & Tandoor 2.Assistant cook & Steward with min Exp. in hotel industry Food & Accommodation provided call: 9740983701/ 9740983708

INSURANCE AGENTS

HDFC Life Insurance Part/Full Time Urgently Require Financial Planners. Earn 32k-50k Monthly. Eligibility Graduate:8105671638

TECHNICAL

ENGINEERS

Wanted Polymer, Engineer Or Mechanical Or Diploma in HDPE Pipe Quality Control. Varuna Neeravari Pipes Pvt Ltd. Dabaspet: 7899933035/ 9448574684

real estate

BUNGALOW & VILLA

VILLA Room For Sale part of 5 star Resort in Chikmagalur, earn minimum 6% rent per year, Call 8103990990, WWW.GOVIANU.COM

LAND FOR SALE

HUBLI Agricultural Land for Sale measuring 23 acres located at 11km on Hubli - Karwar Road (Opposite to Water World, Anchatageri Village) with mango plantation, well, 2 borewell. Also suitable for any Industry, Education Centre, Resort or Convert to NA. Brokers Excuse. Genuine Party Contact: 9108133206

PLOTS FOR SALE

3 plots 4000sft in embessy springs 60x40 tulip 6000sft jade garden 8500 sft in club cabana sale buy &sell near airport propertycorner.in 7090544333

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

BENSON TOWN

PENTHOUSE 4.5BHK, 5bathroom, 3balcony +terrace, 5500 Sqft, @ Benson Town, 2km Cunningham, 500mts Cantt. 8088330330 www.govianu.com

CUNNINGHAM ROAD

4BHK 4Balcony, 1unit/ floor measuring 3500Sft High end Flats Govianu Cunningham, 100mtr from Cunningham Rd 80883 30330 www.govianu.com

MAGADI ROAD

3BHK, Luxury High End Flats for Sale in Govindarajnagar Magadi Road, Next to Royal Enfield showroom. Contact: 80883 30330, www.govianu.com

MATHIKERE

2000SQFT, Luxury High-end Flat with swimming pool, club house, in HMT ROAD 60 Feet Road. Call: 80883 30330, www.govianu.com

NAGARBHAVI

BDA SITE FOR SALE AT GNANA BHARATHI 2ND BLOCK
SOUTH FACING 1272 SFT. Contact: 96201-99405, 99022-31111

RAJAJI NAGAR

PURVA BLUBELLE Adjacent to Magadi road Metro station Rajajinagar Centre of the City 3 Bedroom & Exclusive 5 Bedroom Flats + servant room with all luxurious Amenities, Only few units for Sale. Contact : 9844027560

SAHAKARA NAGAR

PENTHOUSE 4.5BHK, 5bathroom, 3balcony +terrace, 5500 Sqft, @ Benson Town 2km Cunningham, 500mts Cantt 8088330330 www.govianu.com

SESHADRIPURAM

3BHK Luxury High-end Flats for Sale at Seshadripuram, 5min from Mantri Mall, For details Contact 80883 30330, www.govianu.com

YELAHANKA

2500 sqft, 3BHK Luxury Flats, attached pvt park sgs-206 in HIG colony 80feet rd Yelahanka NewTown 1Foor-1House 8088330330 www.govianu.com

FOR SALE

ANDHRA PRADESH

AT Hindupur, 1200 sq ft site just Rs.15 lakhs in an approved, developed and people residing layout. Low investment, high appreciation. 9686716328

BANGALORE

Vijayanagar 30x50 old house Pipeline road Semi comm Near Vijayanagar metro stn call 9886688338

INDEPENDENT HOUSE, for sale, RAJAJINAGAR, Blr, 780sft, with three 2BHK, one 1BHK, 1 car & 3 bike parking, 2min from LULU mall, 5min to Majestic. PH: 9845373933

OUTSIDE BANGALORE

CHIKMAGALUR

COFFEE Estate per acrewise for Sale part of 5 star Resort in Chikmagalur, with loaded amenities, Call 8103990990, WWW.GOVIANU.COM

MYSORE

2BHK&3BHK High-end Luxury Flats Govianu Luxuria, Zoo road, opposite to Gandhi park, close to Mall of Mysore 80883 30330 www.govianu.com

TUMKUR

A) 10800SQFT TUDA approved site, attached to NH4, Jaganathpura Tumkur B) 1200 SQFT TUDA site Belagumba Tumkur, near NH4. 8088330330

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Atul Balwant Joshi R/o Villa No 199, Jrc Palladio, Billapura Cross, Sarjapura- 562125 have changed my minor son's name from Shreyan Atul Joshi to Shreyan Joshi for all purposes.

I, Kallayya Pujar R/a at No56, Kalmeshwar Nilaya, Lingaraj nagar Road, Shettar Layout, Vidyanagar, Hubballi-Dharwad City-580021. I have changed my name to Kallayya Kashayya Pujar. Vide Affidavit dated on 24/10/2024 Sworn before Notary B Seshagiri Bengaluru

Change of Name
I, Yadiyurappa M, r/at Chikkamarappana Halli, K G Palya Post, Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District have changed my name to Hemanth Yadiyurappa M for all future purposes vide affidavit dt. 23.10.2024 sworn before Notary S Jayanth, Bangalore.

I Ramesh Aditya Srinivas Naik S/o Srinivas Naik R/o Haralugodige, Koppa Tq, Hosuru Bhandigadi, Chikkamagaluru 577126 have changed my name to Ramesh Adithya Srinivas Naik for all purposes

I, Arun Kumar Kothari S/o, Bhairudan Kothari R/o Ff C 109 Mars Classic Appartment Kenchenhalli Rr Nagar Bangalore 560098 have changed my name to Arun Kothari for all purposes.

I, SHIVAPRAKASHA NARASIMHAIAH S/o Narasimhaiah R/at No.27, Aathmeeya Puttaswamaiah Layout, Melekote, Maralur, Tumakuru- 572105, now camp at Bengaluru have changed my name to SHIVAPRAKASH NARASIMHAIAH vide affidavit dated: 21/10/2024 Before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar Bangalore.

I, Gayathri Naveen w/o Naveen Gurjar R/o No 672 Sumnam 5th Cross 2nd Main, Banashankari 6th Stage 11th Block B'luru-560060 have changed my name to Gayathri Barve for all Purposes

I,SONAL Mahendra Solanki Jain R/o No.3/5,Mehta Villa ,Jain Temple Road,VV Puram, Bangalore-560004 have changed my name to SONAL MEHTA W/o Nikhil Mehta post marriage for all future purposes

I, Leelavathi Sompalli W/o Nannuri Vijay Naidu R/o Flat.1701, D-block, Vaishnavi Tarrace, Dollars Colony, JP nagar 4th phase, Bengaluru 56078 have changed my name to Nannuri Leela Affidavit Dt.24/10/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

GET NOTICED

72nd Anniversary Celebration
THE JUMBO JANARDHANA SALE Till Nov. 03

Great time to buy all your wedding sarees with a name trusted for generations!
*at special counter
UP TO 40% OFF ON WEDDING SAREES
JANARDHANA SILK HOUSE
WEAVER TO WEARER
SINCE 1952
Unity Buildings, J.C. Road, Bangalore-560 002
Customer care: 9886302937/ 9845504571
Shop online at: www.janardhanasilk.com

LAST 3 DAYS
Grand Flea Market Presents
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ಸವ
Bengaluru Utsava
(Art, Craft, Handlooms & Lifestyle Exhibition)
Deepavali Shopping Carnival
Date: 11th October to 27th October 2024
Timing: 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
Kumara Krupa Road, Bengaluru
17 Days Exhibition Entry Free
Contact: 6364685716 / 9036658774
100+ Shopping Stalls | Live Performance & More

THE TIMES GROUP
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times Of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and Owners of The Times Of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

HEALTH TIP: Telogen effluvium, or TE is a type of hair loss that is triggered by stress or a traumatic event in your life

The anti-fungal properties of lemon can keep your scalp healthy

mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/thebangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

Standing desks are bad for your health – new study

The global market for standing desks is booming, projected to reach USD 12.6 billion by 2032 (£9.7 billion). These desks have been hailed as a simple fix for the health risks associated with sitting all day. However, recent research suggests that standing might not be the health booster many hoped for.

A new study from Australia involving over 83,000 participants found that prolonged standing may not improve heart health and could even increase the risk of certain circulatory problems.

Researchers discovered that standing for extended periods did not reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. In fact, spending too much time either sitting or standing was linked to a higher risk of problems such as varicose veins and feeling dizzy or lightheaded when you stand up.

The phrase "sitting is the new smoking" has become popular in the past decade, highlighting the dangers of a sedentary lifestyle. Prolonged sitting has been associated with obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. In response, standing desks emerged as a trendy solution, offering a way to reduce sitting time without drastically changing daily routines.

But was there solid evidence to support the benefits of standing desks?

Much of the enthusiasm was based on limited studies that didn't comprehensively assess long-term health consequences. This gap in knowledge prompted researchers to investigate further.

In the new study, participants wore devices to track their sitting, standing and physical activity over several years. This objective measurement provided accurate data, reducing the inaccuracies often found in self-reported information. The researchers found that sitting for more than ten hours a day was associated with a higher risk of heart disease and stroke.

However, simply standing more didn't mitigate this risk. In fact, standing for extended periods was linked to an increased risk of circulatory problems.

Prolonged standing can cause blood to pool in the legs, leading to conditions such as varicose veins.

The study's large sample size and use of objective data strengthen the reliability of these findings. However, as an observational study, it cannot definitively establish cause and effect. Also, the average age of participants was around 61 years, which may limit how these results apply to younger people.

Movement is key

These findings suggest that simply swapping sitting for standing isn't a perfect solution. Our bodies respond better to regular movement rather than static positions, whether that's sitting or standing.

Incorporating short walks, stretching or light exercises throughout the day can interrupt long periods of inactivity and offer significant health benefits.

Workplace interventions promoting movement have shown promise. Researchers found that office workers who reduced their sitting time by adding periods of standing and light activity saw improvements in blood sugar levels and other health markers.

Another study indicated that alternating between sitting and standing, combined with brief walks, was more effective for health than standing alone.

Sit-stand desks, designed to facilitate easy position changes, offer a promising solution. They promote frequent posture changes and can alleviate discomfort associated with prolonged static positions. Some models even feature reminders to encourage regular movement, integrating activity into the workday.

Getting more physical activity into our lives doesn't have to be complex. Simple actions such as taking the stairs, walking to a colleague instead of emailing, or standing during phone calls can all contribute. Setting a timer to remind you to move every 30 minutes can help break up long periods of sitting or standing, empowering you to take control of your health.

Movement is key. Standing all day isn't necessarily better than sitting – both have drawbacks when overdone. By focusing on regular physical activity and varying our positions, we can better address the health challenges posed by sedentary lifestyles. Small changes, such as taking short active breaks or incorporating stretching exercises, can make a significant difference.

Ultimately, while standing desks offer an alternative to prolonged sitting, they shouldn't be seen as a complete solution. Embracing a more active lifestyle, both in and out of the office, is likely to yield the greatest health benefits. It's not just about standing or sitting; it's about moving more and sitting less.

(By Jack McNamara, University of East London, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study links common antibiotic to rise of dangerous superbug

Australian research has identified a common antibiotic that is driving the rise of an almost untreatable superbug.In a study published on Thursday, international researchers led by the University of Melbourne, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, and Austin Health found that an antibiotic commonly prescribed for liver disease patients could expose them to a greater risk of a dangerous superbug, Xinhua news agency reported.

Superbug is the name given to bacteria, viruses, parasites, or fungi that have developed a resistance to one or more of the antibiotics used to treat them, also known as antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The World Health Organization has identified AMR as a top global public health and development threat, estimating it contributed to 4.95 million deaths globally in 2019.

The new eight-year study found that the antibiotic rifaximin has led to the global emergence of an almost untreatable form of the AMR superbug vancomycin-resistant enterococcus faecium (VRE), a contagious bacterial infection that can cause severe reactions in hospitalised patients.

Laboratory experimentation

and clinical studies undertaken by the researchers found that rifaximin use has caused changes in the DNA of VRE, making it resistant to daptomycin, a major last-resort antibiotic used to treat multidrug-resistant pathogens.

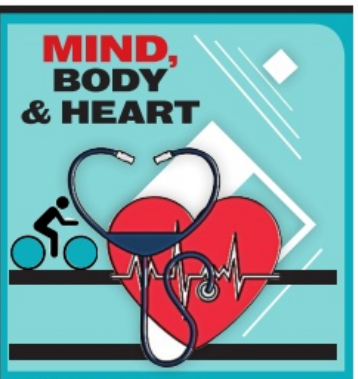
Glen Carter, senior author of the study from the University of Melbourne and the Doherty Institute, said the study challenges the previously-held belief that rifaximin is low-risk for causing AMR.

"We've shown that rifaximin makes VRE resistant to daptomycin in a way that has not been seen before," he said.

"It is also of concern that these daptomycin-resistant VRE might be transmitted to other patients in the hospital; a hypothesis that we are presently investigating."

The researchers said the findings highlight the critical need for effective genomics-based surveillance to detect emerging AMR.

— IANS



All you need to know about...

Miscarriages

What and why
A miscarriage indicates the loss of a fetus (5) before the 20th week of pregnancy. Factors causing miscarriage vary from age (women above 35 years of age are at a higher risk of having a miscarriage), previous histories of miscarriages, smoking or alcohol addictions, cervical problems and so on.

Some risk factors
Dr. Anjana Singh, gynaecologist, lists out factors that can cause immediate miscarriage:
A miscarriage is mostly likely to occur within the first 3 months of pregnancy, before 20 weeks gestation. Only 1 percent of miscarriages occur after 20 weeks of gestation; these are termed late miscarriages. Miscarriages are also caused by a variety of unknown and known factors.

Genetic or hereditary
Around 50 percent of all miscarriages may be attributed to the genetic disposition of the mother-to-be.

Immunological
Some women have antibodies in their blood, which invade their own cells. Some of these antibodies invade the placenta or promote the formation of a blood clot, which affects fetal development and eventually causes a miscarriage.

Anatomical
Some women have septum or walls in their wombs, and some may develop fibroids that may hinder the required space for fetal development in the womb.

Infection
Infection spread due to bacteria, viruses, or any other parasite may also lead to miscarriage, though such cases are very rare.

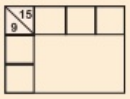
Hormonal imbalance
Certain hormones help in flourishing the placenta by providing the ambience and if there is an imbalance, this may lead to miscarriage as well.
It is thus advised for women with complications in their menses (irregular periods, Endometriosis, PCOD, etc.) to be extra precautions as their vulnerability among them is high.

—Femina

mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com
facebook.com/theBangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

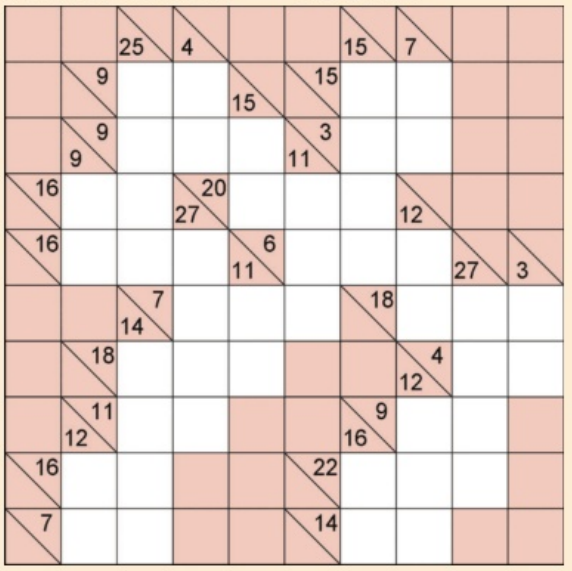
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

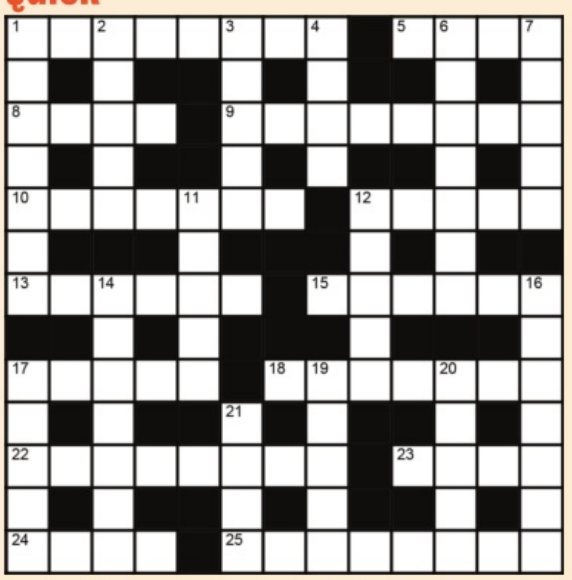


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

1 To make secure (8)
5 The Mounties: Abbr. (4)
8 Egypt's river (4)
9 Recommendation for a job, maybe? (8)
10 Correct, word-for-word (7)
12 Leisurely walk (5)
13 Confuses or obscures (6)
15 Expose a fraud (6)
17 Dismal, gloomy (5)
18 Heaped or piled up (7)
22 Supplementary item (8)
23 Abolished Indian custom (4)
24 Unspecified amount (4)
25 Making certain (8)

DOWN

1 Organised group of admirers (3,4)
2 Sever or apportion (5)
3 Operatic lady (5)
4 Flat vessel (4)
6 Arctic deer (7)
7 Heart rate (5)
11 Tennis legend ___ Federer (5)
12 Sport venue (5)
14 Park in Bangalore's Central Business District (7)
16 No ___ : that's the truth? (7)
17 Instrument faces (5)
19 Packs or rams down tightly (5)
20 Army colour (5)
21 Inactive (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS G

XZTWEFQPWTZB OM YGEOBGFOMW'M HGP QN STB-BOZS PQX BQ EFGZB G SGKJTZ.

Linemaro

I am a photographer. I have been looking for a face like yours

Mindchow

If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it

Joke of the day

I see that software legend Photoshop is turning 25 this week. Actually, it's turning 38. It just looks 25

Loop

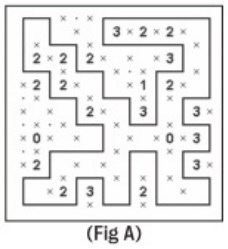
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

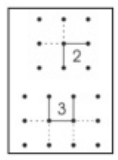
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

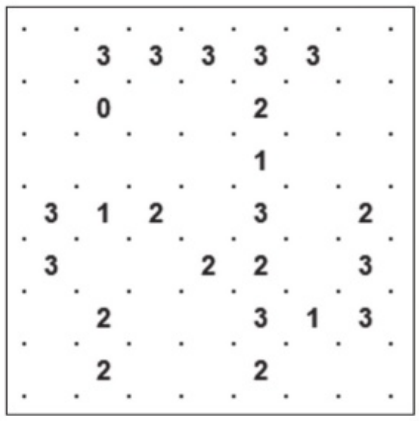
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



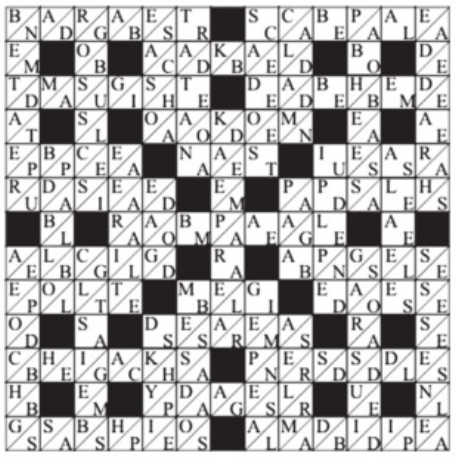
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



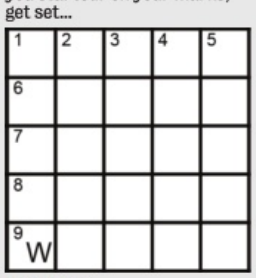
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

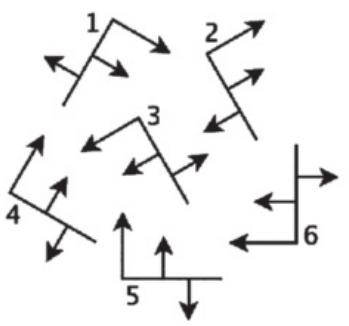
1 Ma ark; 6 Due mo; 7 TT toy; 8 Oiler; 9 Swear

DOWN

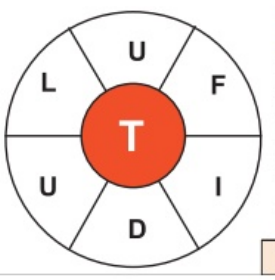
1 Two OK; 2 Oread; 3 Irate; 4 Rut me; 5 My Sal

Mensapuzzle

Can you determine which of the figures below does not belong with the others?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

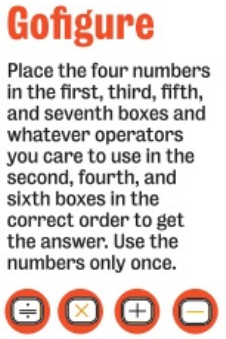
SudokuChallenge

	1			4				7
3			6	5	8			
	8	9						
9		3	1		5			
	4	1				2	6	
			4		6	3		1
						5	8	
			5	8	3			9
5				9			7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

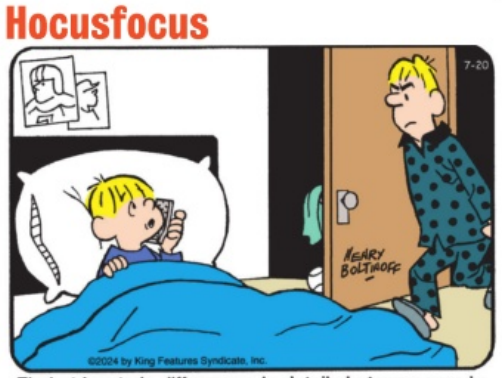


Easy = 19
3 3 4 9

Medium = 9
1 2 3 4

Hard = 13
3 9 9 8

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

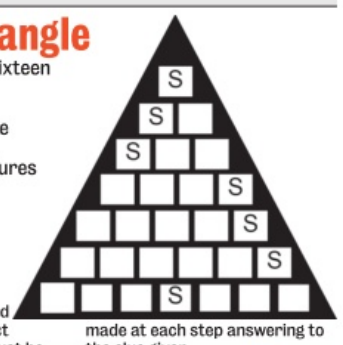
Differences: 1. Pillow is smaller. 2. Night stand is added. 3. Phone is different. 4. Neck line is different. 5. Doorknob is higher. 6. Picture on wall is moved.

Riddler

What connects these four things?
Blank Flake Forget Space

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Sixteen
2 South Afr.
3 Fall
4 Riches alternative
5 Hauls
6 Report card features
7 Comprehended

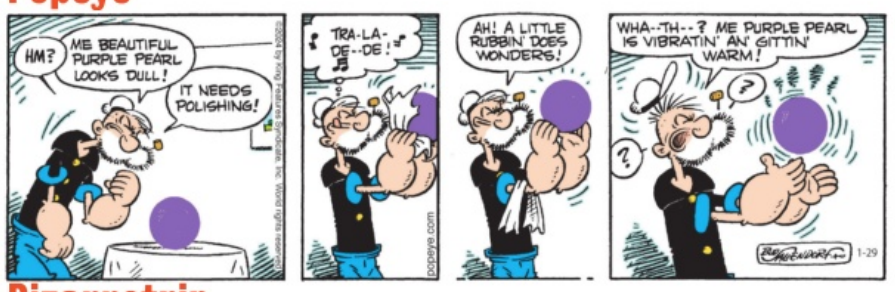


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

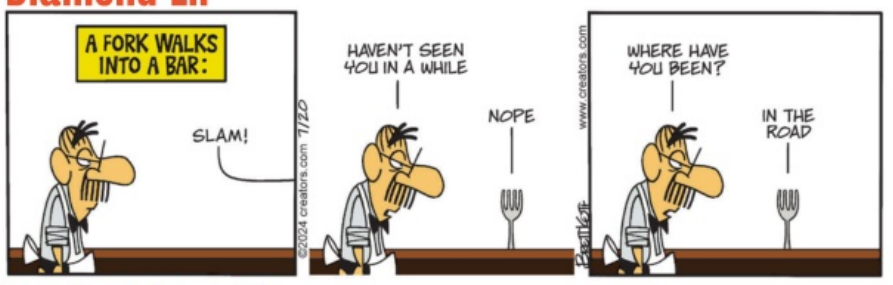
COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip

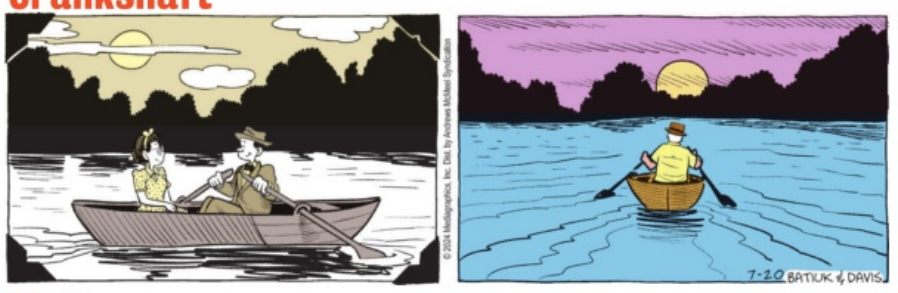
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

MOST OF THE PAGES IN THIS PACKET ARE JUST PICTURES!
I CAN DO THIS IN AN AFTERNOON. I'LL DO IT LATER.
HOP!
THWAK!
AUTHOR'S NOTE: UH-OH, THAT'S NOT GOOD.

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be occupied with work, which could lead to tiredness and limited time for family gatherings. However, you might also establish some overseas connections. You are advised to be cautious with investments. Those employed may see the potential for a promotion at work.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, situations are under control, and your destiny appears favourable, especially regarding business gains. You may receive recognition for your hard work, and it's a good time to restart postponed projects. Peaceful religious travel could be on your agenda, and you might also consider donating to a religious place or charity.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, the moon is not in a favourable position, which may lead to health issues. You might experience losses in business or investments, so it's wise to hold back from any new ventures. You must be careful so as to avoid getting involved in controversies, as they may bring negative consequences.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon; you can expect good news on the professional front. Your domestic life will likely be joyful. You are advised to avoid unnecessary arguments, as they can disrupt your peace. Investing in real estate might be beneficial too. Students shall stay focused on their studies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, the moon's blessings bring love and harmony into your personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. Professionally, things look positive; friends and colleagues will be supportive, and investments in gems and jewellery may bring future gains. However, you are advised to be mindful of your parents' health.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are likely to feel happy and energised; this may boost your reputation among those around you. You may spend time on intellectual pursuits and consider higher studies to enhance your career. Students could receive good news about competitive exams.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, the day may start off dull, but after the evening, you can control any negativity. New connections at work may help you revamp your business plans. But you are advised to read all documents carefully before signing anything.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, blessings will help you overcome indecisiveness. Your children's health will improve, and supportive colleagues will lead to success in projects. You might also receive incentives along with your salary. Those working in fields like dairy, water projects, grains, homemaking, art, and culture could see positive outcomes.

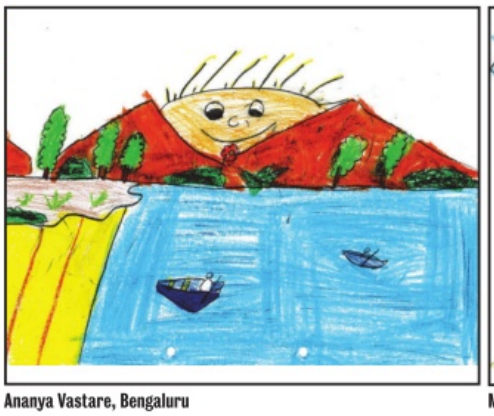
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be engaged in family gatherings and social events, which will improve your reputation. Spending on artefacts or household items can enhance your social status. You might also receive good news from a relative.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are happy and blessed by the moon; it will reflect in your productivity. You will perform well across various areas, enhancing your prestige. Your concentration will be sharp, allowing you to make crucial decisions for business growth.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel a dip in energy, and old health issues could resurface, causing some distress. So you are advised to avoid going on adventure tours or risky driving. It's best to settle legal matters out of court and steer clear of unnecessary arguments. You might also plan an overseas trip.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may start your day with happiness. At work, you'll make quick decisions that enhance your management skills and lead to future benefits. You may also expect a new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the support of your business partner, you may invest capital in your venture. Stronger bonds with your spouse will bring harmony to your domestic life.

KIDZONE



Ananya Vastare, Bengaluru

Mithali P, Bengaluru

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
n=2(2)(4)(6) = 16(6) = 96
(2ⁿ⁶)·(1/96) = 2

BULL'S EYE
DUTIFUL, fit, lift

RIDDLER
They can all mean to "experience a memory lapse"

FAST FIVE

K	A	R	M	A
O	D	E	U	M
T	O	T	T	Y
O	R	I	E	L
W	E	A	R	S

STRIKE OUT

S	A	S	H	E	S		L	A	D	D	I	E		
H	M		Y	A	G	E	R		E	N				
C	H	I	C	K	S		P	E	D	D	L	E		
O		A	S		E	A	M	S		A	S			
P	O	L	E		M	L	I		D	O	S	S		
E	L	C	I	D		A		A	N	G	L	E		
B		R	A	M	P	A	G	E		A				
R	A	S	E	D		M		A	P	S	E	S		
E	P	E	E		N	A	T		U	S	S	R		
T		S		O	A	K	E	N		E		E		
T	A	U	G	H	T		D	A	B	B	E	D		
E		O		C	A	B	A	L		B		D		
B	A	R	B	E	R		C	A	B	A	L	A		

QUICK

S	O	M	E		E	N	S	U	R	I	N	G		
B	E	F	O	G	S		D	E	B	U	N	K		
			U				O					I		
L	I	T	E	R	A	L		A	M	B	L	E		
C		I		M		T		I		S				
N	I	L	E		R	E	F	E	R	A	L			
A	P		O		A			A		U				
F	A	S	T	E	N	E	R		R	C	M	P		

MENSA PUZZLE
Figure 3 does not belong. It's the only figure that contains a backward 'F' Shape

QUOTE UNCODE
Unemployment is capitalism's way of getting you to plant a garden.

SUDOKU

5	3	8	2	9	4	1	7	6
1	7	6	5	8	3	4	2	9
2	9	4	7	6	1	5	8	3
8	5	2	4	7	6	3	9	1
7	4	1	8	3	9	2	6	5
9	6	3	1	2	5	7	4	8
4	8	9	3	1	7	6	5	2
3	2	7	6	5	8	9	1	4
6	1	5	9	4	2	8	3	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SA, SAg, RAgs, DRAgs, GRades, GRasped.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 3 + 9 + 4 = 19
Medium
3 + 4 x 1 + 2 = 9
Hard
9 + 3 + 9 – 8 = 13

KAKURO

Volume No 17, Issue No 214 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/21142 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by R.J. Prakashan at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Fax – 40877545, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru – 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon – responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

 # Sequel to Fauji
The filming of the sequel of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's maiden project as an actor 'Fauji', has commenced in Pune. The film also stars Vicky Jain as the lead alongside actress Gauahar Khan

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Hero as heroine

Deepak Subramanya has joined the list of heroes who play female characters in Kannada movies. Subramanya, known for the tele serial Lakshmi Nivasa, appears as a woman in the forthcoming movie Mr Rani directed by Madhu Chandra, who is known for the films Selfie Mummy Google Daddy and Vascodigama.

The teaser of Mr Rani has received good response. The movie is about a young man, who comes to Bengaluru to realise his dream of becoming a hero but ends up playing the heroine's role in a movie in an unavoidable circumstances.

Director Madhu Chandra told BM Mr Rani is different from his previous movies. "Mr Rani is unique. No such movie was made either in Hindi or other languages till date," Chandra said. The shooting of the movie is over and it is expected to arrive in theaters in December. "It was shot in and around Bengaluru and Dubare," the director said.

Message to society

Srinath Vasistha, known for helming message-oriented movies, has directed Mooka Jeeva that highlights the problems of deaf and mute people in rural areas. The movie is scheduled for release in Kannada and Tamil shortly. The title of the Tamil version is Srikanta.

"This is my 9th movie and it is based on a novel written by JM Prahlad. I approached Prahlad for a story and he suggested that I make a movie based on the novel with a similar title. The movie is aimed at conveying a message to society and to guide the public who want to extend their helping hand to the people with disabilities. There are many people who do not know how to reach people with disabilities and how to help them. The movie throws light on the problems of the disabled," said Vasistha.

He said they wanted to retain the title for the Tamil version but it does not suit the audiences. "We wanted to have Mounam as the title of the Tamil version but there were a few Tamil movies with similar names. Finally, we decided to have Srikanta as the title as the hero's name in the movie is Srikanta," he said.

On ups & downs

Throwback to when Alia spoke about how she straddles success and defeat

Alia Bhatt's last release in 'Jigra' though didn't do outstanding at the box office, the actress has successfully touched the hearts of the audience who watched the movie. We look back at the interview where Alia reflected on her journey as a prominent actress and life with husband Ranbir Kapoor. She always puts emphasis on balance between personal and professional life since their marriage in April 2021 and the birth of their daughter Raha.

During the interview with Harper Bazaar, she spoke about how she and Ranbir handle success and failure. While Alia is one who tends to be prone to overthinking, Ranbir being the one who can let go quickly has so far been helpful to her. "We handle things differently, but that difference helps us support each other. We focus on our work with love and respect, treating it as an important part of our lives, but not the entirety of it," she noted.

Alia unwinds from demanding roles, she has developed ways of reclaiming her personal time. "Now that I'm a mom, I make sure I leave my work behind. My family always comes first, and I'm always a mom first—physically, emotionally, and mentally," she said. "I mean, I still get trolled. I still get hate comments, but I let my work do the talking and build a wall between me and the negativity..." —ETimes

> "I let my work do the talking and build a wall between me and negativity

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

Actress Sanya Malhotra seems to be done with socialising for now as he revealed that she has done one year of mingling in just two days.

Sanya has been attending gatherings and parties including ace designer Manish Malhotra's Diwali bash. The actress took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a photograph of herself sitting in the backseat of her car dressed in a black outfit.

In the image, the actress is seen giving a thumbs up along with flashing a toothy smile. For the caption, Sanya wrote: "The whole year's socialising was done in 2 days (Poore saal ki socialising in 2 dino mein karli)".

The actress has "Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumar" alongside Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor and Maniesh Paul. "Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari" is reportedly the sequel to "Badrinath Ki Dulhania". The film marks the reunion of Varun with director Shashank Khaitan, with whom he worked in "Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania" and "Badrinath Ki Dulhania". She will also be seen in "Mrs." directed by Aarti Kadav. ANI

Sister first

Kriti Sanon who made her Bollywood debut with the actioner 'Heropanti', recently revealed that she and her young sister Nupur Sanon were treated differently after her Bollywood debut success.

Talking to News 18, Kriti Sanon opened up about certain relatives treating her and her younger sister Nupur after the success of her Bollywood debut 'Heropanti'. Explaining her frustration, the 'Do Patti' actress said that even though the industry pitting the sisters against one another has not affected their bond, the difference in their relatives' behavior towards them irked her.

Kriti explained that when she started in the film industry, Nupur was very young and wasn't in Mumbai. "That's when I saw certain relatives treating us differently and that angered me," said Kriti Sanon.

Kriti Sanon further said that when she and her sister visit their relative's places, both are treated differently. Even she found a difference in the way their relatives would wish on their birthdays. "They would wish me and Nupur differently on our birthdays. That's something I found immature, " explained Kriti Sanon.

Kriti Sanon added that Nupur is emotionally very strong despite being her younger sister and she handles any situation effectively. She said, "Even if something hurts or bothers her, she never lets it come to her face." — ETimes

How charming

Chris Hemsworth, who is best known for his role as Thor in the Marvel universe, is in talks to take on the iconic role of Prince Charming in Disney's upcoming 'Prince Charming' movie.

While plot details are still being kept secret, it's not yet confirmed whether the film will be live-action or animated, reported Variety.

The movie will be directed by Paul King, who is best known for his work on Wonka. King will also co-write the screenplay with Simon Farnaby and Jon Croker.

The 'Thor' actor has been busy with recent projects. He recently lent his voice to Optimus Prime in the animated film Transformers One. Earlier this year, he also appeared as the villain 'Dementus in Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga', where he starred opposite Anya Taylor-Joy.

Next up for Hemsworth is the thriller Crime 101, produced by Amazon MGM Studios. The film will star Halle Berry, Barry Keoghan, and Hemsworth's fellow Avengers co-star Mark Ruffalo. —ANI